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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 07/06/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 07 February 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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Tu T. Nguyen
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jean Paul Cass on 07/06/2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please replace claims 2,3,5-11,13-14 with the following:

Claim 2 (Currently amending): A device according to claim 1, wherein the connection element ~~is built the way that it essentially~~ maintains a substantially three-dimensional spatial form adjusted by a reversible bend.

Claim 3 (Currently amending): A device according to claim 1, wherein the connection element is ~~retractable~~ retractably positioned on the device.

Claim 5 (Currently amending): A device according to claim 1, wherein the connection element is ~~detachable~~ detachably fastened to the port with a coupling agent.

Claim 6 (Currently amending): A device according to claim 5, wherein the coupling agent on the port ~~features~~ has the first coupling element being, ~~which is designed similarly, like to~~ the first connector element at the connection element, wherein the coupling agents ~~feature~~ have a second coupling element at an end turned away

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from the first connector element ~~being, which is designed~~ similarly, like to the second connector element at the line.

Claim 7 (Currently amending): A device according to claim 5, wherein the device features a ~~stowage~~ storage box, which serves for the receptacle of the detached connection element from the port.

Claim 8 (Currently amending): A device according to claim 1, wherein the adapter, ~~featured with~~ has a second connector element, ~~additionally features with~~ a first connector link, which is complementary and ~~detachable~~ detachably connected to the ~~featured~~ second connector link of the line.

Claim 9 (Currently amending): A device according to claim 1, wherein the device is designed for a device being selected from the group consisting of an electrical time domain reflectometer, a second device or encompasses encompassing said electrical time domain reflectometer, and any combinations thereof.

Claim 10 (Currently amending): A device according to claim 1, wherein the device is designed for a device being selected from the group consisting of as an optical time domain reflectometer, a second device or encompasses encompassing said optical time domain reflectometer, an OTDR and any combinations thereof.

Claim 11 (Currently amending): A device according to claim 1, wherein the device is designed for a device being selected from the group consisting of as a wavelength division multiplexing testing device, a second device or encompasses a WDM encompassing said wavelength division multiplexing testing device, and any combinations thereof.

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Claim 13 (Currently amending): A connection element according to claim 12, wherein the body of the connection element ~~is built the way, that it essentially~~ substantially maintains a three-dimensional spatial form adjusted by a reversible bend.

Claim 14 (Original): A connection element according to claim 12, wherein the first coupling element ~~is designed like the~~ is substantially similar to the first connector element, and the second coupling element ~~is designed like is designed is~~ a substantially similar to the second connector element.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tu T. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2424. The examiner can normally be reached on T-F 7:30-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Toatley Gregory can be reached on (571) 272-2059. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tu T. Nguyen', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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